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Mr. William Wallace
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Dear Mr. Wallace,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade on Friday, September 25, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Legislative Hearing on VIN Database and Auto Whistleblower Bills."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions by the close of business on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at Dylan.Vorbach@mail.house.gov and mailed to Dylan Vorbach, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Michael C. Burgess, M.D.
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce,
Manufacturing, and Trade

cc: Jan Schakowsky, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Jan Schakowsky

1. Volkswagen deliberately built into their diesel cars a defeat device to cheat emissions testing. Both the VIN database and whistleblower bills are drafted to deal only with safety defects and noncompliance in vehicles, they do not reach vehicle emissions. While I have other concerns with these bills, if they move forward, we should consider whether to expand them to address emissions problems.
 - a. If a VIN database bill were to move forward, would you support a provision permitting the use of information received from the database for purposes of emissions related recalls?
 - b. If a whistleblower bill were to move forward, would you support including reporting of noncompliance with EPA emissions standards and fuel economy requirements?